

## Message Text

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ACTION SY-07

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FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0548

INFO AMEMBASSY MBABANE

AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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DEPT FOR SY/T; ADDIS FOR RTC

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJ: PROPOSED ELECTRONIC SECURITY ALARM SYSTEM FOR USG  
PROPERTIES

REF: 1) MBABANE 1597 2) MBABANE 1661 3) STATE 195009

1. TSO PRETORIA VISITED AMEMBASSY MBABANE ON 3-4 SEPTEMBER  
AND DISCUSSED PROPOSED SYSTEM WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS AND CHUBB  
REPRESENTATIVE.

2. TSO COMMENTS: TSO DOES NOT FEEL THAT ULTRA-SONIC MOTION  
DETECTORS ARE EITHER NECESSARY OR PRACTICAL IN SWAZILAND  
SITUATION. EMBASSY AND RSO CONCUR. PUSH BUTTON ALARMS FROM USG  
RESIDENCES TO ROYAL SWAZILAND POLICE (RSP) ARE REGARDED AS  
FEASIBLE AND WOULD SERVE AS A PRUDENT SECURITY MEASURE PROVIDING  
THAT A LOCAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT COULD BE NEGOTIATED TO  
MAINTAIN THE EQUIPMENT.

3. RSO COMMENTS: RSO CONCURS WITH TSO VIEW. IN ADDITION,  
CONSIDERATION WOULD HAVE TO BE GIVEN TO REMOVAL OF SYSTEM  
SHOULD RESIDENCES CHANGE WITH TURNOVER OF PERSONNEL AND THIS  
WOULD HAVE TO BE INCLUDED IN MAINTENANCE CONTRACT.  
EQUIPMENT WOULD ALSO REQUIRE PERIODIC TESTING TO GAUGE RSP  
REACTION CAPABILITY. TELEPHONE SERVICE IN SWAZILAND IS  
EXTREMELY UNRELIABLE, SUBJECT TO FREQUENT FAILURES AND CANNOT  
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BE CONSIDERED AN ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF COMMUNICATION. THREAT

SITUATION IS CURRENTLY MINIMAL. HOWEVER, POTENTIAL FOR  
DISRUPTION IS REAL IN LIGHT OF FORTHCOMING CHANGE IN IDEOLOGICAL  
ORIENTATION OF NEIGHBORING MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT. THIS SITUATION  
COULD RESULT IN FUTURE REFUGEE AND/OR TERRORIST SITUATION  
SPILLING OVER FROM MOZAMBIQUE BORDER. RSO CONSIDERS PUSH  
BUTTON ALARMS IN THE RESIDENCES A PRUDENT SECURITY MEASURE  
AND ONE THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF NOW THAT THE  
OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF. THE COST OF INSTALLATION AND  
EQUIPMENT IS 490 RANDS (APPROXIMATELY \$700) PER RESIDENCE.  
EMBASSY IS CONTEMPLATING PLACING THE ALARMS IN FOUR RESIDENCES  
AND CHANCERY. THE RSO FEELS THAT FROM A SECURITY POINT OF VIEW  
THESE REACTION ALARMS CAN BE JUSTIFIED, IF NOT TODAY,  
CERTAINLY TOMORROW. BUT INSTALLATION MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED  
IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE, BECAUSE THE PRICE CITED BY CHUBB  
IS VALID ONLY IF THE INSTALLATION IS ACCOMPLISHED SIMULTANEOUSLY  
WITH THE INSTALLATION OF ALARMS TO THE SWAZILAND MONETARY  
AUTHORITY, A PROJECT THAT IS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY.  
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